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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: HARMONIZATION AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON JUNE 19 WITH SMULIAN, THE EC COMMISSION TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION CHIEF, WE ASKED IF THERE IS A CEPT SECRETARIAT AS PER REFTEL. HE TOLD US THAT THE CEPT HAS BEEN A "CONFERENCE", RATHER THAN A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION WITH A SECRETARIAT. IT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF REORGANIZING ITSELF FOLLOWING THE TORREMOLINOIS MEETING. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT IS MR. T. LARRSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SWEDISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WHOSE ADDRESS IS S-123 86, FARSTA, SWEDEN. SMULIAN THOUGHT INQUIRIES MIGHT BE ADDRESSED TO MR. LARRSON.

2. REGARDING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND THE CEPT,
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SMULIAN SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM

CHARLES PARRY OF THE FCC INDICATING AN INTEREST IN A CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE FCC AND THE CEPT. SMULIAN HAS REPLIED THAT HE TOO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA FOR CERTAIN NON-EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO BE ASSOCIATED IN SOME WAY WITH CEPT, PARTICULARLY ON STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT. SMULIAN SAID THAT HE WOULD BE CALLING PARRY TO ASK IF THE FCC WOULD WANT THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME TYPE OF US ASSOCIATION, AND NOT NECESSARILY OBSERVER STATUS, TO BE RAISED AT A MEETING OF THE CEPT COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HARMONIZATION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2-3 IN MUNICH. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS FROM PARRY AT THE FCC ON HIS EXCHANGES WITH SMULIAN. GREENWALD

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